

SUMMARY OF CONGRESS.

Senate Proceedings.

1ST DAY.—At the opening of the Fiftieth Congress the Senate Chamber wore a fresh and tasteful appearance. The floors and galleries were newly carpeted, and the desks glistened in their coat of varnish, the odor of which mingled faintly with that of the bouquets and gorgeous floral devices which enlivened the picture. The Senator most favored in the matter of flowers was Mr. Daniel, of Virginia. The devices were all of mammoth proportions, and covered not only his desk and chair but overlapped upon the desks of his neighbors. The galleries were filled, Mrs. Cleveland being conspicuous among the visitors. The diplomatic gallery was filled by members of the various legations, the front seat being occupied by the Chinese Minister, his secretaries and associates. The Senate Chamber, Rev. J. G. Butler, opened the proceedings with prayer. The President of the Senate, Mr. Ingalls, then took the chair and called the Senate to order. He said he would now place before the Senate the certificates of election, the certificates of appointment and other papers received since the adjournment. In the swearing in of Senators-elect, Mr. Hoar made objection to the administration of the oath to Mr. Faulkner, of West Virginia, until certain questions to which his credentials gave rise could be passed upon by the Committee on Privileges and Elections. At the suggestion of Mr. Kenna, the matter was referred to that Committee without a vote, and the swearing in of Senators continued. At the conclusion of this ceremony Messrs. Hoar and Morgan were appointed as a committee to notify the President that the Senate was ready to receive the message, and at 1 o'clock the Senate adjourned.

2D DAY.—Mr. Harris suggested that bills and resolutions might be introduced and referred. Mr. Hoar opposed the proposition, stating that it was an ancient custom of the Senate not to enter upon any ordinary business until after hearing the communication from the President, at the beginning of the session. That was a mark of respect due from the legislative department of the Government to the Executive. He therefore moved a recess for half an hour. The motion was agreed to. After the recess the President's Message was received and read. Adjournment followed.

House Proceedings.

1ST DAY.—Long before noon the galleries of the House were crowded to their utmost capacity with spectators of both sexes, drawn together to witness the opening scenes of the Centennial Congress. At noon the Clerk of the House called the body to order, and was about to call the roll when a man in the gallery started a Salvation army hymn, which he sang lustily until ejected by a doorman, which was not until several minutes had elapsed, as the crowd impeded the officer in his attempt to reach the musician. The Clerk then proceeded with the roll call amid a good deal of confusion, caused by gentlemen renewing old acquaintances or forming new ones and much talk and laughter. The pages were kept busy carrying belated bouquets and floral designs to the proper recipients. After roll call Mr. Carlisle, of Kentucky, was re-elected Speaker by 163 votes to 148 for Mr. Reed, of Maine, and 2 for Mr. Brumm, of Pennsylvania. Mr. Carlisle made a speech of thanks, in which he directed attention to the important labors which would devolve upon the present Congress, and dealt with much stress on the imperative necessity of such a moderate and reasonable reduction of the tariff as would guarantee the laboring people against the effects of financial depression and at the same time not deprive them of any part of the just rewards of their toil. The work of organizing the House was then proceeded with. The House was then called by States, and the oath of office administered, after which Messrs. Cox, Randall and Cannon were appointed a committee to wait upon the President and inform him that the House was ready to receive any communication he should see fit to make.

2D DAY.—Mr. Miller (Texas) offered a resolution directing the Speaker to appoint the Committees on Rules, Accounts, Enrolled Bills and Mileage, each to consist of the same number of members as is provided for by the rules of the Forty-ninth Congress, and referring the rules of the Forty-ninth Congress to the Committee on Rules when appointed. Adopted. Several amendments to the House rules were proposed. The President's Message was received and read, and then the House adjourned.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Work Done During the Year in Mr. Garland's Office.

Attorney-General Garland says in his annual report that the number of ordinary suits now pending in the Court of Claims is 1,110, involving the sum of \$13,350,000. The number of cases filed under the Bowman Act is 1,819, involving about \$50,000,000. The petitions filed in the French spoliation cases number 5,500, representing 2,386 vessels and about \$30,000,000. The amount reported in favor of claimants in the eighty-one of these cases passed upon, is about \$425,000, varying in suits from \$65.40 to \$43,318.66.

In the course of the fiscal year 1,777 civil suits were terminated. In 922 of these judgments were for the United States, in 102 for the defendants. The aggregate amount of judgments rendered in favor of the United States was \$1,651,250, and the amount of judgments rendered in favor of the defendants was \$8,800,000.

Attorney-General says he is now more than ever convinced of the absolute need of a penitentiary. He says that the present penitentiary is not a government penitentiary, but a place of subsisting the prisoners in a state of indolence and idleness throughout the country. He advocates the appointment of a commission to inquire into the advisability of building Government penitentiaries and a reformatory.

The Attorney-General urges an appropriation for the erection on the ground adjacent to the Department of Justice, of a suitable building for the accommodation of the Supreme Court and other courts and commissions of the United States.

A reorganization of the Department of Justice in accordance with the increased amount and important character of its business is also urged.

The library, furniture, etc., of the late King Ludwig, of Bavaria, at Lindenhof, which cost \$100,000, have just been sold for \$4,000. His carriages and sleighs have been sold to a circus manager, and his deer are in a menagerie.

CABINET CHANGES.

Don M. Dickinson Appointed Postmaster-General.

Mr. Vilas Succeeds Mr. Lamar, the Nominee for the Supreme Court.

The President on Tuesday sent the following nominations to the Senate:

Lucius Q. C. Lamar, of Mississippi, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Don M. Dickinson, of Michigan, to be Postmaster-General.

William F. Vilas, of Wisconsin, to be Secretary of the Interior.

The President also nominated the following officers appointed during the recess of Congress:

Charles S. Fairchild, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury; George L. Rivers, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of State; Isaac H. Maynard, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; Seymour Butler, Massachusetts, to be Second Controller of the Treasury; James W. Hyatt, of Connecticut, to be Treasurer of the United States.

The New Supreme Court Nominee.



L. Q. C. LAMAR.

Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Lamar was born in Putnam County, Georgia, September 17, 1825, and graduated from Emory College in 1845. He studied law under the Hon. A. H. Chappell, and was admitted to the bar in 1847. He went to Mississippi in 1849, and was made professor of mathematics in the Mississippi University. He resigned in 1850 and went to Covington, Georgia. He established a law practice and was elected to the Legislature in 1853. In 1854 he returned to Mississippi and was sent to Congress. He sat in the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth Congresses. In 1861 he represented his State in the Convention of the Southern States, and during the same year entered the Confederate army. In 1863 he was sent by President Davis to Russia on diplomatic business. After the close of the war he was sent to the Forty-third and Forty-fourth Congresses, and in 1877 was sent to represent Mississippi in the United States Senate, and continued to do so until given the position of Secretary of the Interior by President Cleveland.

The New Postmaster-General.



DON M. DICKINSON

Mr. Dickinson will be the youngest member of Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet. He was born at Auburn, N. Y., in 1845. His father Asa Dickinson, was a distant relative of Daniel S. Dickinson, but belonged to the Massachusetts Dickinsons. He went to Michigan when Don was a small boy. The new Postmaster-General was educated at the State University at Ann Arbor, graduating in 1866. Three years later he received his diploma from the law school and began to practice. At first he had a desk in his older brother's office. When the latter, already a rich man, went to New York to accept a retainer of \$10,000 a year from one of the largest dry-goods firms there, he gave his business to Don.

On receiving this encouraging gratuity Don took into partnership another Dickinson, Julian G., who was no kin whatever to him, but knew how to collect debts. The two prospered and separated, but Don held together the large collection business, in which he had made a good deal of money. The firm is now Dickinson, Hosmer & Thurber, and the senior partner is said to have an income all told of over \$40,000 a year. A large part of this comes from his collection bureau, which he runs independently of the firm. He hires two or three good lawyers and a big corps of clerks and pushes the business with an energetic hand. He is famous for promptitude and never stops when he gets after a debtor until he collects his judgment and hands over the cash to his client. He is said to be worth half a million, and Mrs. Dickinson, who was a Grand Rapids girl, has a fortune of \$150,000 in her own right. They have only one child, a little girl three years old.

Mr. Dickinson is a slender, black-haired man, with black side-whiskers flanking a thin, pale face. He has been a delegate-at-large in every National Democratic Convention since 1876. He was an enthusiastic Cleveland man long before the Chicago Convention, and never saw the President until he met him by invitation in Buffalo in December, 1884, when Mr. Cleveland had gone there to arrange his affairs preparatory to making his home in the White House. Then, in company with Judge Lathrop, now Minister to Russia, Mr. Dickinson called on Mr. Cleveland. The two took a fancy to each other which time has only strengthened.

Where there is no want of will there will be no want of opportunity.

THE NEWS SUMMARY.

Eastern and Middle States.

FIVE men were burned—three of them with probably fatal result—by an explosion of natural gas on a farm near Washington, Penn.

THERE are more than \$1,000,000 in the savings banks of Massachusetts for which there are no known owners.

THE election for Mayor in Providence, resulted as follows: Robbins (Republican), 5,189; McNally (Democrat), 2,802; Blodgett (Prohibition), 255.

THREE men were instantly killed, a fourth died in a few hours, and a fifth was fatally injured by the explosion of a locomotive's boiler near Hazleton, Penn. All the victims were railroad employees.

THREE doomed murderers imprisoned in the New York Tombs have been detected in an attempt to escape by sawing the iron bars of their cells.

South and West.

OLD Stepheny Bailey, of Columbia, South Carolina, confessed on his deathbed that he had murdered his three wives.

THE Mayor and ten Aldermen of Lincoln, Nebraska, were locked up in jail in Omaha by order of Judge Brewer, of the United States Court, because they refused to obey one of his rulings.

THE National Committee of the Prohibition party met at Chicago and elected Professor Samuel Dickie, of Michigan, as chairman to succeed the late John B. Finch, of Illinois.

MRS. ABEL, who had been prepared for burial, near Oakland, Ill., sat up in her coffin, seeing her surroundings she fainted away. In an hour she gave birth to a son, and mother and child are now doing well.

GEORGE NORMAN, of New London, Mo., was bitten last summer by a dog, he dreamed the other night he saw himself dying of hydrophobia. Convulsions followed soon after he awoke, and he died in great agony.

FREDERICK EDWARDS, of Darlington County, S. C., while assaulting his wife, was commanded by his son John to stop. He replied with a blow, when the young man fired a gun, killing his mother, wounding his father, and probably fatally injuring his sister, who was also trying to defend the mother.

A BRONZE statue of the late President Garfield was unveiled in Cincinnati. Governor Foraker and Congressman Taylor delivered eulogies.

FOUR men were burned to death in the Lawrence House, Brookville, Kansas.

It has been finally decided to place the bodies of the executed Anarchists in Mount Greenwood Cemetery, twenty miles from Chicago.

ADDITIONAL testimony confirms the charges of horrible cruelty made against the women managers of the Indiana State Female Reformatory.

JUMPING DOG, an Indian who recently fired Cheyenne Agency, killed two of his guards and committed suicide with a pair of shears.

A CROWD of white men at Charleston, Miss., took four negroes from jail and shot them, on suspicion that their victims had attempted to kill a farmer.

Washington.

POSTMASTERS appointed by the President: Robert M. Carpenter, at Audubon, Iowa; Anna E. Rakoff, Cincinnati, Kan.; William R. G. Estes, Skowhegan, Maine; John H. Larkin, Cohoes, N. Y.; George G. Schwinger, Tonawanda, N. Y.; George Daniel, Sandusky, Ohio; George W. Lame, Colfax, Washington Territory.

A GREAT hall for conventions and other public uses is to be built in Washington.

THE revenue of the Government from all sources during November amounted to about \$30,500,000. The disbursements nearly equaled the receipts.

DURING November the national debt was increased \$1,400,350. This unusual result is due to the heavy disbursements for pensions. The principal of the debt is now \$1,064,401,363.38 and the interest \$11,353,134.04, making the total debt \$1,075,754,495.42. Total cash in Treasury, \$504,550,165.86.

THE National Fishing Association has sent an agent to Washington for the winter to keep track of fishing legislation and report to the fishermen.

THE coinage executed at the mints during November amounted to \$7,207,280 and the total number of pieces coined was 13,614,400.

SIX men who have completed various terms of imprisonment have just been pardoned by the President so that they may be restored to the rights of citizenship.

THERE are the unusually large number of twenty-seven red-headed men in the lower House of the present Congress.

CONGRESSMAN TOWNSEND, of Illinois, proposes a consolidation of all the bureaus at Washington in a new department, to be known as the Department of Industries and Public Works.

Foreign.

COREA is about to send a Minister to the United States to represent the Korean Government.

PROFESSOR WILLIAMS, of Ottawa, Canada, predicts that there will be no recurrence of disastrous earthquakes in North America before 1900.

AN explosion of fire damp in a colliery in Poremba, Silesia, killed thirteen miners and wounded a number of others.

THE second trial of Lord Mayor Sullivan, of Dublin, for printing in his paper reports of suppressed branches of the National League, resulted in a conviction. Mr. Sullivan was sentenced to two months imprisonment, but without labor.

AN immense timber raft, designed for New York, has been launched at Nova Scotia.

AFTER a desperate conflict, in which there was serious bloodshed, the St. Petersburg police captured a Nihilist rendezvous and factories for the manufacture of dynamite.

TWENTY persons were killed and many injured by an earthquake at Besenano, Italy. The place was almost entirely destroyed, and 4,000 people are rendered homeless. The town of Bogliana has also been badly damaged.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

DEER are reported very numerous in parts of Maine.

OSTRICH feathers have fallen from \$300 to \$35 a pound.

MONKEYTOWN is the name of a new post-office in Yazoo County, Miss.

A GRAND RAPIDS (Mich.) firm made 200,000 base balls the past season.

A LEHORN rooster that strums on the piano is exciting the good people of Salem, Ill.

THREE Mormon elders have been preaching in the mountains of Roanoke County, Va.

THE manufacture of false teeth for horses is mentioned among the industries that are springing up.

SINCE 1860 our manufactures have increased from an annual product of \$1,800,000,000 to \$7,000,000,000.

LATER NEWS.

ONE Gloucester (Mass.) vessel has taken \$90,000 pounds of codfish in three trips this season, the largest catch ever landed.

JOHN W. QUICK, a fourteen-year-old Philadelphia boy, has been killed by excessive cigarette smoking.

TWO factions of boys had a sanguinary fight in Erie, Penn., early the other day. Eight participants were stabbed, two fatally, and eight arrests were made.

FIFTY armed men attempted to "wipe out" the town of Gypsum, Col. A pitched battle lasting over an hour took place. Three citizens and two of the mob were killed.

IN the habeas corpus cases of Attorney-General Ayres and Commonwealth's Attorneys Scott and McCabe, of Virginia, the United States Supreme Court decides that the officials of a State cannot be punished for enforcing State laws. The effect of the decision is that State bond coupons are not receivable for taxes.

THE United States Labor Bureau is engaged in statistics on marriage and divorce. The bureau will report to Congress all marriages and divorces granted in this country since 1867.

THE United States Supreme Court has decided that a State has a right to tax out of existence or confiscate a business if it is deemed to be productive of poverty, and that no compensation can be claimed, thus upholding the prohibition laws of Kansas.

THREE railway employees were killed and two injured by the explosion of a train locomotive's boiler at Stellarton Station, Nova Scotia.

LORD LYONS, late British Ambassador to Paris, and in 1858 British Minister to the United States, is dead in his seventieth year. M. GAVARD (Radical) has been elected President of Switzerland.

SEVENTEEN Massachusetts cities have been holding municipal elections. Ten cities voted for licensing saloons and four against.

TWO men were killed and two fatally injured by the fall of a derrick at Port Richmond, Penn.

FIVE men were killed and three badly injured by the fall of a water tower at Thomasville, Ga.

THREE negroes were blown to atoms by a boiler explosion in Troup County, Ga.

THE Secretary of the Treasury estimates the total revenue of the Government for the next fiscal year, under the laws as they now stand, at \$440,563,734.

LORD MAYOR SULLIVAN, of Dublin, has been taken to Tullamore jail, to serve his sentence of two months imprisonment for publishing in his paper accounts of proclaimed branches of the Irish National League.

THE NATIONAL BANKS.

Figures from the Report of the Comptroller of the Currency.

The report of the Comptroller of the Currency shows that the total number of national banks organized up to October 31 is 3,805, of which 625 have gone into voluntary liquidation, 119 have failed, leaving in operation at that date 3,061. The total number of new banks formed during the last year is 225; number closed, 33, of which 25 went into voluntary liquidation, and 8 failed. The net increase in national bank capital during the year amounts to \$30,572,325. On the other hand, there is a net decrease of \$50,495,590 in the circulation represented by bonds. The total amount of money paid in dividends during the past year is \$2,103,203.41.

The affairs of five failed banks have been closed during the year, including among them one of those which failed during the year. In four cases out of the five the creditors have received payment of principle and interest in full. In the other case, that of a bank which failed in 1879, the total dividends amount to eighty-one per cent.

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